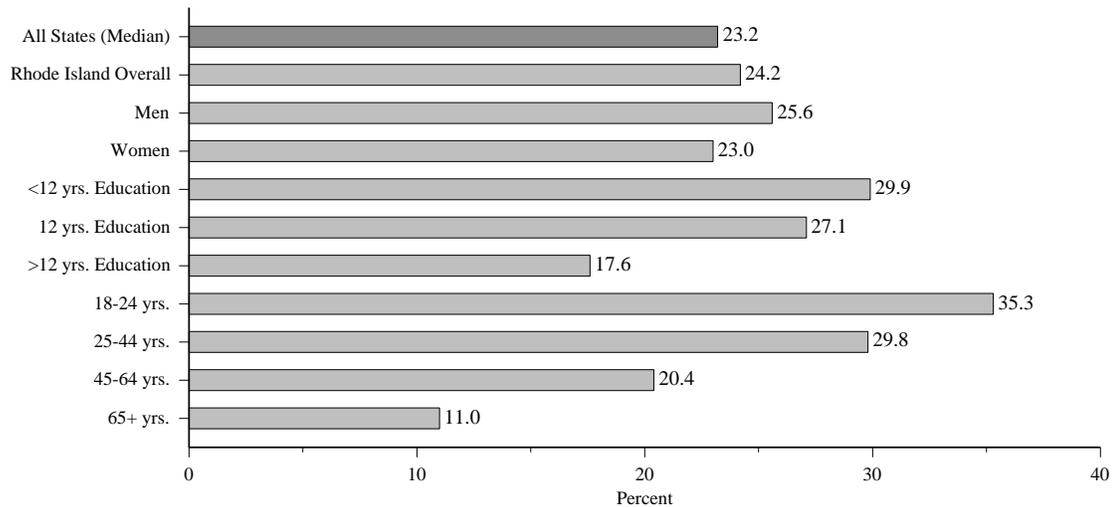


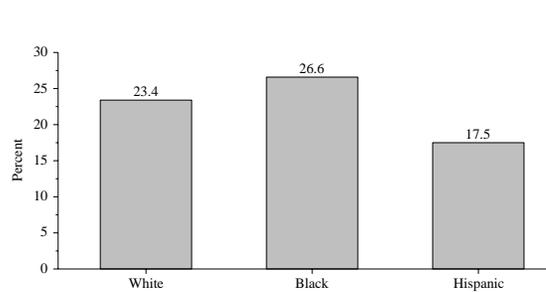
Number of Rhode Island youth projected to die prematurely from their smoking: 23,503

Adult Tobacco Use in Rhode Island

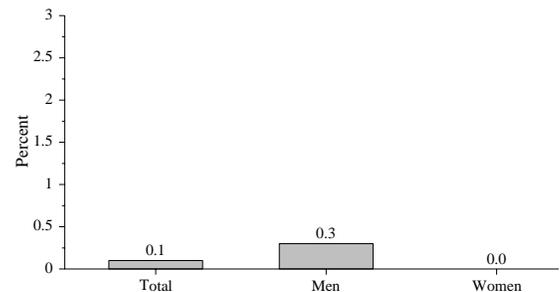
Current Cigarette Smoking Among Adults Aged 18 and Older, 1997



Current Cigarette Smoking Among Adults by Race/Ethnicity, 1996-1997



Current Smokeless Tobacco Use Among Adults Aged 18+, 1995-1996



Health Impact and Costs

| AVERAGE ANNUAL DEATHS RELATED TO SMOKING, 1991-1993 | | AVERAGE ANNUAL YEARS OF POTENTIAL LIFE LOST,* 1991-1993 | MEDICAL COSTS RELATED TO SMOKING, 1993 | |
|---|------------------------------------|---|--|----------------------|
| Overall | 1,849 | 24,067 years or an average of 13.0 years for each death due to smoking. *Calculated to life expectancy | Ambulatory | \$49,390,000 |
| Men | 1,184 | | Hospital | \$83,300,000 |
| Women | 665 | | Nursing Home† | \$123,770,000 |
| Death Rate | 340/100,000 | | Drug | \$16,000,000 |
| Rank | 18 (No. 1 is lowest death rate) | | Other | \$44,080,000 |
| | | | Total | \$316,550,000 |

†Preliminary estimates

Youth Tobacco Use

| CIGARETTE SMOKING AMONG YOUTH, GRADES 9-12, 1997 | | | SMOKELESS TOBACCO USE AMONG YOUTH, GRADES 9-12, 1997 (PAST MONTH) | |
|--|------------|----------|---|-------|
| | Past Month | Frequent | | |
| All States | 36.4% | 16.7% | All States | 9.3% |
| RI | 35.4% | 19.3% | RI | 6.1% |
| Boys | 35.3% | 19.8% | Boys | 10.4% |
| Girls | 35.4% | 18.7% | Girls | 1.6% |

Past Month = tobacco use on one or more days in the past month
Frequent = tobacco use on 20+ days in the past month

Number of Rhode Island youth exposed to ETS in the home in 1996: 53,646



Tobacco Control Legislation, 1998

Minors' Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum age for sale: 18
Penalties: Any person who sells to a minor will be fined \$100. Suspension of license for violation.
Illegal for minors to:
 Purchase Yes
 Possess No
 Use Yes*

*For minors <16 in specified areas.

Restrictions on Vending Machines

Vending machines must be located where minors cannot access them, unless machines are supervised or equipped with a locking device.

Signage

Signs required on premises and affixed to vending machines.

Licensure

Retail license and vending machine license required.

Excise Tax

Cigarette tax per pack 71¢
 Rank = 8 (No.1 is highest tax)
 Federal and state taxes as a percentage of retail price 40.9%*
 Annual gross tax revenue from cigarettes \$54,317,563*

Smokeless tobacco tax:
 20% of wholesale sales price.

*Based on previous tax rate of 61¢ per pack.

Advertising

No restrictions

State Preempts Local Laws

No preemption

Smokefree Indoor Air

| Site | Restrictions | | | | Penalties | |
|---|----------------|--|--|------|---------------|------------|
| | 100% Smokefree | Designated smoking areas with separate ventilation | Designated smoking areas required or allowed | None | To businesses | To smokers |
|  | | | | | | |
| Government worksites | | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Private worksites | | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Restaurants | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Day care centers | | | | ✓ | | |
| Home-based day care | | | | ✓ | | |

Tobacco Economy

Cigarette Sales, 1997

Number of packages sold and taxed, per capita 90.0

Tobacco Agriculture, 1997

None

Tobacco Manufacturing, 1996

None

Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Program

Funding: NCI ASSIST & RWJF/AMA SmokeLess States Program

Regional Network: Tobacco-Free New England

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